



Arubans take to the streets for the 47th annual Arruwac Boulevard Run/Walk

Organizers report that 410 runners and walkers made their way from Malmok to the parking lot of the Port Authority in Oranjestad for the annual Queen's Day Boulevard Run late Monday afternoon.

Now in its 47th year, the 10K run/walk, conducted by Arruwac of Aruba attracted athletes from as far away as the USA, Holland and Ecuador, tempted by the prestige and a substantial 2000 Aruban florins purse for the first across the finish line. The trophy and cash went to Richard Rodriguez, a twenty-five year veteran of the run who has taken first place eight times in the past and this time made it in 34:12. Following him in second place was Arnold Brouwers and then Ronald Staring. The first female runner across the line was Shariska Dirksz, coming in at 23rd place.

Top walker was perennial winner Harlan Villar with a time of 1:04:12, and right on his heels in second place was Juan Tromp with a time of 1:04:18. Nelson Feliciano won third place, and Juan and Nelson took home the trophies for the top two places in the 50+ division. First female walker to cross the line was Jacqueline Rhon Steward at tenth place, with a time of 1:08:03.

The Boulevard Run/Walk is a holiday tradition for many, and they could not imagine celebrating the Queen's birthday without ending their day with this high-speed trek down L.G. Smith Boulevard. Complete results for both runners and walkers in all categories and age divisions is available online at www.arruwac.com